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## Office Action Summary

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10/624,210

**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

Nini F. Legesse

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

**Claims 14-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

**Claim 14** recites the limitation "'said shaft" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**Claims 1-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Odom (US Patent No. 4,665,565).

**With regards to claims 1 and 2**, Odom shows a first attachment feature (portion of fastener 46 that is positioned on the thumb area) on a glove surface area above the thumb (see Fig. 5). And with respect to the second attachment feature, column 1, lines 37-45 indicate that there are pair of gloves that are mirror images of each other.

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Therefore the second glove that is not illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6 has a second attachment feature (46).

**With regards to claim 3**, Odom shows a first location feature on the first glove (46) above the palm surface (referring to Fig. 5 the area above the palm is considered a first location).

**With regards to claim 4**, part of Odom's attachment element (46) that is located on the index finger is considered as a third attachment feature.

**With regards to claim 5**, part of Odom's attachment element (46) that is located on the little finger is considered as a fourth attachment feature.

**With regards to claim 6**, the different attachment areas (46) are capable of performing the claimed function in this claim.

**With regards to claims 7 and 8**, Odom discloses attachment features consisting a hook and loop attachment system (see column 1, lines 45-50).

**With regards to claim 9**, Odom discloses a golf club having a fifth attachment feature (44).

**With regards to claims 10-22**, they are directed to the obvious method steps of using the Odom's device.

### ***Conclusion***

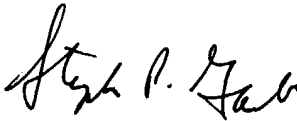
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nini F. Legesse whose telephone number is (703) 605-1233. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Garbe can be reached on (703) 308-1207. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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